(f) Domestic availability of cotton during cotton year 2001-02 was 187 lakh bales (including carryover stock of 29 lakh bales) as against the domestic demand of 170.70 lakh bales. Domestic availability of cotton during cotton year 2002-03 is estimated at 192 lakh bales (including carryover stock of 40 lakh bales) as against the estimated domestic demand of 177 lakh bales.

**Handloom Industries in Bihar**

†908. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering any proposal for the development of handloom industries in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken for providing assistance to the industry in the country and particularly in Bihar during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) and (b) The Government of India has been implementing several Plan and Non-Plan schemes for the Development of handloom sector in the country. These schemes have been addressing the basic problems relating to production, marketing and technological upgradation of the sector, among others. Under handloom sector schemes, financial assistance is provided to various handloom agencies including Primary and Apex Weavers' Cooperative Societies and State Corporations, both directly as well as through the State Governments.

During the Tenth Plan, the following development and welfare schemes have been approved for implementation in the handloom sector all over the country:

1. Deen Dayal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana.
2. Marketing Promotion Programme.
3. Design Development and Training Programme.
4. Handloom Export Scheme.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

5. Mill Gate Price Scheme.

6. Wokshed-cum-Housing Scheme.

7. Implementation of Handloom (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985.

8. Weaver's Welfare Scheme.

(c) A Statement showing the Central assistance released under various handloom sector schemes during Ninth Plan period (1997-98 to 2001-02) is enclosed.

***Statement***

*Central assistance released under various handloom sector schemes during Ninth Plan period*

(Rs. in lakh)

| Sl. No. | Name of State | Amount released |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 6860.47 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 978.65 |
| 3. | Assam | 5667.14 |
| 4. | Bihar | 196.00 |
| 5. | Chhattisgarh | 67.75 |
| 6. | Delhi | 621.81 |
| 7. | Goa | 34.27 |
| 8. | Gujarat | 1194.71 |
| 9. | Haryana | 310.74 |
| 10. | Himachal Pradesh | 644.50 |
| 11. | Jharkhand | — |
| 12. | J&K | 806.11 |
| 13. | Karnataka | 2302.32 |
| 14. | Kerala | 3766.49 |
| 15. | Madhya Pradesh | 1415.83 |
| 16. | Maharashtra | 944.33 |
| 17. | Manipur | 1200.46 |

| Sl. No. | Name of State | Amount released |
|---|---|---|
| 18. | Mizoram | 80.83 |
| 19. | Meghalaya | 54.44 |
| 20. | Nagaland | 2828.29 |
| 21. | Orissa | 1837.63 |
| 22. | Pondicherry | 123.59 |
| 23. | Punjab | 376.77 |
| 24. | Rajasthan | 636.92 |
| 25. | Sikkim | 175.31 |
| 26. | Tamil Nadu | 11305.98 |
| 27. | Tripura | 351.78 |
| 28. | Uttar Pradesh | 3955.04 |
| 29. | Uttaranchal | 47.63 |
| 30. | West Bengal | 2659.98 |
| | TOTAL: | 51445.77 |

**Setting up of Jute Raw Material Bank in Karnataka**

909 SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a 'Jute Raw Material Bank' in Karnataka to promote the manufacturing and marketing of jute diversified products;

(b) if so, by when it will be set up; and

(c) whether Government has identified the place for its location?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI BASANGOUDA R. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. There is a proposal to open a Jute Raw Material Bank (JRMB) by National Centre for Jute Diversification (NCJD) at Bijapur, Karnataka.

(b) and (c) In order to set up the Jute Raw Material Bank (JRMB), a survey has been ordered in respect of Bijapur and nearby districts in the State of Karnataka. The JRMB will be set up, only if found viable as per norms of the Scheme approved by the Government.